

AMENDED CLAIMS

B<sup>1</sup> 3. An appliance according to claim 1, characterized in that the cutting means (13) has the form of a substantially straight cutting edge (15), which projects to a greater extent than the at least one bar (11).

B<sup>2</sup> 6. An appliance according to claim 3, characterized in that the cutting edge (15) is situated on one side of the at least one bar (11).

B<sup>3</sup> 8. An appliance according to claim 7, characterized in that the at least one bar (11) and the cutting edge (15) are situated on one jaw (8), and that the fixture (17) is situated on the other jaw (9), the at least one bar, the cutting edge and the fixture being mounted on or being made in one piece with the associated jaw.

9. An appliance according to claim 8, characterized in that the jaw (8) provided with the at least one bar (11) and the cutting edge (15) has the form of a die, which is fixedly mounted in the appliance (1), and that the jaw (9) provided with the fixture (17) has the form of a punch, which is movably arranged in the appliance (1) and actuable by a driving means (10).

B<sup>4</sup> 11. An appliance according to claim 2, characterized in that the cutting means (13) has the form of a substantially straight cutting edge (15), which projects to a greater extent than the at least one bar (11).

B<sup>5</sup> 13. An appliance according to claim 4, characterized in that the cutting edge (15) is situated on one side of the at least one bar (11).

B<sup>6</sup> 17. An appliance according to claim 2, characterized in that the at least one bar (11) and the cutting edge (15) are situated on one jaw (8), and that the fixture (17) is situated on the other jaw (9), the at least one bar, the cutting edge and the fixture being mounted on or being made in one piece with the associated jaw.